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SUBJECT: FRG-POLISH RELATIONS AND GIEREK VISIT TO US

1- SENIOR FRG FONOFF REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT POLISH EFFORT TO PRESENT PUBLICLY ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FRG-POLISH RELATIONS AS THE FAULT OF THE GERMAN SIDE. THE ALLEGED POLISH STRESS ON THE NAZI PAST AND ON THE NEED FOR THE GERMANS TO PAY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVORS OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND FORCED LABOR ENTERPRISES IS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE TO FRG.

2. FONOFF REP SAID THE FONOFF WAS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF FRG-POLISH RELATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRIOR TO GIEREK'S OCTOBER VISIT TO THE US. FONOFF REP SAID THE GERMAN PAPER WOULD BE DESIGNED TO TRY TO BRING SOME BALANCE INTO THE PICTURE. THE IDEA IS NOT TO PRESS THE US TO TAKE THE FRG SIDE IN ANY DISCUSSION OF FRG-POLISH  
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RELATIONS WHEN GIEREK IS VISITING WASHINGTON, BUT TO

PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR POSSIBLE USE  
SHOULD THE POLES PUSH THE US SIDE TO HELP IMPROVE  
FRG-POLISH RELATIONS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT VON STADEN WILL BE PRESENTING  
THE PAPER IN THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.  
FONOFF REP ASKED THAT WE TREAT MATTER IN STRICT CON-  
FIDENCE UNTIL THE PAPER IS DELIVERED. EMBASSY IS TRANS-  
MITTING THIS PRELIMINARY INFO FOR POSSIBLE PLANNING  
PURPOSES FOR GIEREK VISIT. HILLENBRAND

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